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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA IN UN

REF: USUN 4650 (NOTAL)

1. MANY INFLUENTIAL AFRICANS, INCLUDING THOSE OF ZAMBIA, NIGERIA, AND KENYA, TELL US THAT THEY ARE NOT INTENDING TO PURSUE SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION IN THE UN AT THIS TIME, POSSIBLY WITH EXCEPTION OF ADVOCATING A GA RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE THREE VETOERS OF SC EXPULSION RESOLUTION (REFTEL). BUT EVEN AT TIME THAT RESOLUTION MAYBE MOVED ON OCCASION OF PRESIDENT READING TO PLENARY TEXT OF LETTER FROM SC PRESIDENT (USUN 4633)(NOTAL) PRESENT AFRICAN PLANS CALL FOR MINI-DEBATE, WITH ONLY REPS OF TUNISIA (AF GROUP HEAD FOR OCT) AND TANZANIA (AF GROUP HEAD FOR NOV) SPEAKING. MONGOLIAN REP IN FOURTH COMMITTEE NOV 5, DURING DEBATE ON NAMIBIA, SAID GA WOULD CONDEMN THREE VETOERS AND CALL FOR STOPPAGE
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OF ALL UN COOPERATION WITH PRETORIA REGIME.

2. WOLF WILL NOT BE KEPT FROM SOUTH AFRICAN DOOR FOR LONG, HOWEVER, SINCE AFRICANS APPARENTLY INTEND TO BRING QUESTION OF NAMIBIA TO SC DURING DEC, WHEN AUSTRALIA WILL OCCUPY PRESIDENCY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AFRICANS WILL PUCH FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST SAG AT THAT TIME.

3. FOR WEEKS, AT LEAST, MOST AFRICANS ARE AWAITING ANNOUNCEMENTS BY US, UK AND FRANCE THAT THEY ARE EXERTING PRESSURE ON PRETORIA. AFRICANS ALSO AWAIT SPECIFIC MOVES BY SAG ON NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, AND APARTHEID.

4. THERE IS SOME TALK NOT MUCH OF MORE RADICAL MEMBERS ADVOCATING "UNITING FOR PEACE "ACTION" IN GA, LEADING TO RECOMMENDATION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST SA, PARTICULARLY AGAINST ARMS SALES. SUCH ACTION WOULD INVOLVE CITATION BY AFRICANS OF STATEMENTS BY AMBASSADORS ADLAI STEVENSON, LODGE, ET.AL. ADVOCATING "UNITING FOR PEACE" PROCEDURE.

5. SOUTH AFRICANS CONTINUE TO BE ABSENT FROM PLENARY AND MAIN COMMITTEES. SOUTH AFRICAN DEPUTY PERMREP EXPLAINS CURRENT POLICY AS "KEEPING OPEN ALL OPTIONS." SOUTH AFRICANS FEAR, HE SAID, THAT SINCE BOUTEFLIKA HAS NOT YET GIVEN RULING ON A SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION, SAG WISHES TO AVOID PROVOKING BOUTEFLIKA INTO DOING SO. AUSTRIANS TELL US THAT BOUTEFLIKA HIMSELF PERSONALLY WARNED SOUTH AFRICANS NOT TO ATTEND ANY MEETINGS. HOW LONG SOUTH AFRICAN ABSENCE WILL CONTINUE REMAIN TO BE SEEN, BUT SOUTH AFRICANS SAY THAT THEIR DECISION WILL BE BASED HEAVILY ON GA MOVE ON LETTER FROM SC PRESIDENT TO GA PRESIDENT CONCERNING JUST CONCLUDED SC DEBATE.
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